

**Fiscal Services Division**  
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HF 513 - Speed Limit (LSB 1302 HV)

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**Description**

House File 513 increases the speed limit from 65 miles per hour (m.p.h.) to 70 m.p.h. on interstate highways and increases the speeding fines for vehicular traffic on highways with rates of speed greater than 55 m.p.h. House File 513 requires the new revenue be deposited into the Vehicle Depreciation Fund in the Department of Public Safety to be utilized by the Iowa State Patrol until June 30, 2009.

**Background**

1. The law will become effective on July 1, 2005.
2. House File 513 increases the court cost for filing a simple misdemeanor with the Judicial Branch from \$17 to \$30. The increased revenue will be deposited into the General Fund.
3. House File 513 increases the speed limit from 65 m.p.h. to 70 m.p.h. on interstate highways. There are 782 miles of interstate highways with an estimated 450 speed limit signs. There are two options for changing the speed limit signs: install an overlay on the maximum speed limit sign, or install a new sign. Installing a new sign consists of replacing the maximum and minimum speed limit signs.
4. House File 513 increases the fines for speeding in zones greater than 55 m.p.h.
  - Increases from \$10 to \$20 for speeding fines one to five miles over.
  - Increases from \$20 to \$40 for speeding fines six to ten miles over.
  - Increases from \$40 to \$60 for speeding fines 11 to 15 over.
  - Increases from \$60 to \$80 for speeding fines 16 to 20 over.
  - Increases from \$60 to \$90 plus increases from \$2 to \$5 for each mile per hour of excessive speed over 20 miles per hour over the limit.

**Assumptions**

1. The following collection rates were applied to the fine and surcharge amounts:

<u>Speeding Over 55 m.p.h.</u>	<u>Collection Rates</u>		
	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
1 to 5 m.p.h. over	95.6%	98.7%	99.3%
6 to 10 m.p.h. over	94.3%	98.0%	98.5%
11 to 15 m.p.h. over	79.6%	90.8%	98.8%
16 to 20 m.p.h. over	39.6%	56.0%	87.6%
Over 20 m.p.h.	52.0%	72.0%	92.1%

2. All revenue estimates are based on collection rates for FY 2003 and FY 2004.
3. The Judicial Branch will not be able to develop and implement programming changes to the Iowa Court Information System until October 2005. The costs include development of new software and dismantling the software by FY 2010.

**Fiscal Impact**

The estimated fiscal impact to change the speed limit signs will range from \$124,000 to \$248,000, including labor, maintenance, and equipment. Costs would be paid from the Primary Road Fund.

The estimated fiscal impact for programming costs to the Judicial Branch is approximately \$53,000 with \$26,500 in FY 2006 and \$26,500 in FY 2010.

The increased revenue to the General Fund consists of fine revenue, surcharge revenue, and the increase of the simple misdemeanor filing fee. The total revenue impact from HF 513 is as follows:

**Total Revenue Generated From House File 513**

	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$6,900,000	\$8,000,000	\$9,100,000	\$9,100,000	\$9,700,000
<b>Victim Compensation Fund</b>	19,000	28,000	41,000	41,000	41,000
<b>County/Local</b>	5,000	8,000	12,000	12,000	232,000
<b>Vehicle Depreciation Fund</b>	684,000	778,000	873,000	873,000	0

**Sources**

Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP)  
Judicial Branch  
Department of Transportation  
Department of Public Safety

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